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thousand dollars to Hamilton College, the institution of which he and his two brothers and also his two sons are graduates and of which his father was so long a distinguished professor. In accordance with the wish of Mr. Root this sum is to be held and invested by the trustees of the college as a trust fund, the income to be devoted to the salaries of the instructors of the college. It is to bear the name of The Elihu Root Peace Fund."

That is a fine tribute to Mr. Root's great services to the cause of international friendship and peace, and is of a nature not to lose its fruitfulness, like a speech, very soon after delivery. This fund ought to make Hamilton College hereafter a powerful and effective centre of propagation of the principles of international goodwill and peace.

#### The Mohonk Arbitration Conference.

The fifteenth Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration is to be held at Mohonk Lake, N. Y., May 19 to 21.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, is to preside. The list of persons invited by Mr. Smiley to be his guests at the Conference includes an unusually large number of prominent men from different parts of the nation and from abroad. Among the speakers we notice the names of the Mexican Ambassador, the Dean of Worcester, England, Hon. Alfred Mosely of London, Chief Justice Maclaren of Ontario, ex-Governor Montague of Virginia, Governor Ansel of South Carolina, etc. The list of guests includes many college and university presidents, professors, editors, clergymen, members of Congress, jurists, etc. Among the foreigners expecting to attend, we notice the names of Senator Gamboa of Mexico, Dr. Koht of the Nobel Institute, Norway, Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain, Ambassador Bernstorff of Germany, Ambassador Nabuco of Brazil, Consul-General Midzuno of Japan, etc. It will be altogether a most notable gathering. The leaders of the peace movement in the nation have all been invited and many of them will be there. Special sessions will be given to educators and to business men. More than fifty business organizations in the larger cities have been invited to send delegates.

### News from the Field.

The official report of the seventeenth Universal Peace Congress, held at London last summer, has been published. It makes a volume of four hundred and eighty pages, and is illustrated with numerous photographs. It contains, in English, a full report of the deliberations of the Congress, of the Conference of the Churches, and of the various social functions that attended the Congress. A résumé is given in French, and the resolutions adopted are given in three languages. A list of the delegates and adherents is given in the appendix. The address of King Edward to the deputation received by him adds interest to the volume. The price of the volume is

\$1.25 net. Copies may be procured from the National Council of Peace Societies, 40 Outer Temple, Strand, London, or from the American Peace Society, 31 Beacon Street, Boston.

The peace movement has developed very much in Germany. The latest list that we have seen gives the names of eighty-six German cities and towns that have peace societies. Most of these are branches of the general German Peace Society, whose headquarters are at Stuttgart. The manifesto recently issued by this society, a translation of which we give on another page, shows that the German workers have a true conception of the present costly rivalry of armaments as the greatest obstacle to the further progress of the peace movement.

The sixth French National Peace Congress will be held at Reims this year. It is to meet on the 30th of May and continue for four days. The Municipal Council of Reims has voted a contribution of five hundred francs toward the expenses of the Congress.

At the meeting of the Women's Peace Circle of New York City at the Hotel Astor on April 5, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Grannis advocated the holding of an international peace pageant in New York, in which representatives of all the nations of the earth would march, clad in their national costumes and singing their national songs. Mrs. R. A. Benedict, who presided, thought that Mrs. Grannis' pageant might well be substituted on the Fourth of July for the deadly display of fireworks, which it is whispered among the boys will be worse this year than ever. The fifth anniversary of the formation of the Circle will be celebrated by a banquet on the 22d of May.

The annual meeting of the Peace Association of Friends of Philadelphia was held at the Friends' Meeting House, Twelfth Street, on Monday, the 19th of April, at 4 o'clock. Addresses were made by Rev. Frederick Lynch of New York, on "The Task of the Twentieth Century," and by Dr. William I. Hull of Swarthmore College, on "A Positive Program for the Peace Movement."

The Netherlands General Peace League has started a movement to try to induce all the governments of the world to become parties to the Danish-Netherlands treaty of obligatory arbitration. This treaty, it will be remembered, is without limits either as to time or classes of disputes. It refers all controversies for all time to the Hague Court. It is therefore the model treaty. It contains a provision also that other governments may become parties to it. The Netherlands Peace League is asking the peace societies and workers in all countries to aid in securing the realization of their proposal.

### Brevities.

... Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle Church, New York, in a recent letter on the panic in Great Britain, writes: "I hope that an increasing number of our good people in America will come to realize more clearly that the question of armament really lies at the bottom of all the peace problems in our day, and that the sooner all good men grapple with that particular problem, namely, checking the growth of armaments, the sooner we shall get out of our difficulties."